

How soon does the Aetna Loan company expect to make the changes suggested in its "by-laws" and plan of operation?

THE *Western Times*, which recommends a biennial trip to the penitentiary as a safeguard against crime, republishes the old gag of the two letters, the one from L. L. Polk answering one question, and the other from the editor of THE ADVOCATE answering an entirely different question, and conveying the impression that they are contradictory answers to the same question. We suggest that the editor take a trip to the pen.

THE QUESTION OF MRS. LEASE'S VERACITY SETTLED.

Since the matter relating to the attack of the *Achison Champion* upon Mrs. Lease was in type we have received the following certificate relative to her father. Is there honor enough in the *Champion* to retract its vile slander?

General Headquarters—State of New York.
Adjutant General's Office. Bureau of Records of the War of the Rebellion.

ALBANY, July 21, 1892.

Mr. S. McLellan, Topeka, Kansas:

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of 18th inst, requesting record of service of Joseph P. Clyens, late private Company B, One Hundred and Forty-seventh regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and, by direction of the adjutant general, to say in reply thereto, that the records of this bureau show that Joseph P. Clyens, a private of Company B, One Hundred and Forty-seventh regiment, a drafted man, was mustered into service August 26, 1863, and that he died August 17, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga., while a prisoner of war.

The state of New York has never published a record of those who served in late war. Very respectfully your obedient servant,

FRED PHISTHER, Colonel and Chief of the Bureau.

STILL AT ITS OLD TRICKS.

BUT THE ADVOCATE, of this city, in the pride of its faith that nobody need be taxed for anything, and no revenue need be exacted, because the government can "make" all the money to pay our expenses, refers to the tariff as "the Republican humbug of protection."—*Topeka Capital*.

The above is a sample of the fairness and honesty of the *Capital*. When and where has THE ADVOCATE ever intimated that "nobody need be taxed, and that no revenue need to be exacted?" This is a deliberate and willful misrepresentation. The *Capital* knows we advocate no such doctrine. One of the specific demands of our platform reads as follows:

We demand a graduated income tax.

This is certainly sufficiently explicit upon this subject. We have also published from time to time articles upon the general subject of taxation, in which our position has been defined with sufficient clearness that it need not be misunderstood. Will the *Capital* ever get ready to stop this everlasting misrepresentation and begin that campaign of argument so much talked about?

THE *News-Record* is authority for the information that Mr. William A. Pinkerton is a Democrat, and that 90 per cent. of his men are Democrats, too. Workmen inclined to blame protection for the Homestead troubles should make a note of this.—*Hutchinson News*.

This item credited, to the *News*, we have seen in nearly every Republican paper in the country. It must be considered important or it would not be so extensively circulated, and we fail to see the particular point in it which can be profitable to the Republican party. If it be a fact that the Pinkertons are mostly Democrats

it is also a fact that Republicans are willing to hire them to do their killing of laboring men, and so where have they anything to crow over? The fact is that the Pinkertons are a lawless band of cut-throats for whose existence there is no shadow of authority. Every man, woman or child shot down by them is murdered; and when Republicans hire these Democratic thugs to do the killing which they are too cowardly to do themselves they show themselves the more contemptible of the two, especially when they undertake to shift the responsibility upon an opposing party.

THIS from George T. Anthony should be pasted in the hat of every man who howls against the McKinley law, or who declares that "the tariff is a tax."

In our brief experience under the McKinley bill nearly every article on which the duty was increased, to make it protective, has been cheapened in cost to the consumer, or given him a better article at no greater cost.—*Lawrence Journal*.

There are two propositions advanced by the high protective tariff advocates that are absolutely irreconcilable with each other. The first is that protection enables American manufacturers to pay better wages for labor than they could do without protection. The second is that every article on which a high duty is placed is at once cheapened in cost to the consumer.

Now if these philosophers will take enough time from their abuse and insult of Mrs. Lease to explain how the American manufacturer can reduce the selling price of his products in the market and at the same time raise the price of labor or even maintain it where it was before the price of his products was reduced, they will make a very small beginning upon that campaign of argument of which we have heard so much recently.

TO REPRESS CRIME.

We have received a marked copy of the *Western Times*, containing an article under the above title in which it is held that there should be a law enacted compelling every boy and young man to visit the state penitentiary at least once in two years in order to impress upon the youthful mind the horrors of prison life, which, it is held, would exercise a restricting influence against the commission of crime.

The theory is based upon an entire misconception of the true principles of moral education. Children should be taught to do the right, because it is right, and because an upright and a moral life will always bring a higher order of enjoyment than the opposite. In short they should be educated through the higher and not through the lower faculties of the human brain.

Teach a child to avoid evil through fear of punishment, and he never appreciates the higher motives of human action. He forgets also that there is any other reason for doing right and he will soon begin to calculate the chances of escape from the consequences of wrong doing. In such case he will nearly always figure that he is shrewd enough to hide his acts from the world, and will readily yield to the besetting temptations of life.

No, do not take the children to the

penitentiary to learn their early lessons in morality. Rather teach them the beauty of a life of purity and of honor and they will never need the restraining influence of fear.

THE HUMBUG OF PROTECTION.

Under this head the *Capital* of July 20 undertakes to criticise the views of THE ADVOCATE respecting the reduction of the workmen's wages at Homestead. In this criticism the *Capital* says:

Let us look at the Homestead trouble. It grew out of a fall in the price of steel billets from \$28 to \$22 a ton, whereupon the proprietors wanted to reduce the wages in proportion but the wage-earners would not consent. The first fact of importance, then, is that this vast production, created by protection and now supplying the American market, not a dollar's worth of the product, except a certain quality in small quantity, having been imported in the last two years, has brought about a reduction of nearly 25 per cent. in the price of the commodity in the last three years.

Why did not the *Capital* proceed to tell its readers the process by which this reduction of steel billets was brought about? After securing the agreement of the workmen to the basing of their wages upon this single product of their works, the company proceeded deliberately to carry out a policy designed to reduce the price of this product. The Duquense plant, one of the largest owned by the company, was devoted exclusively to the production of steel billets, its capacity was increased, and the market flooded, for the very purpose of bringing about the desired reduction. This fact was brought out in the investigation before the congressional committee; and the men testified that it was the result of a conspiracy, which fact they could establish if they could have the opportunity.

With such a condition of things prevailing, with the manufacturers of the company protected against foreign competition, while the company enters into a conspiracy for the reduction of wages, and while the wage workers have no protection against the "pauper labor" which is held up as the great scare-crow before the American laborer, we repeat that the Republican pretense of protection to American labor is a fraud, and the protective policy of the party is a humbug, and the *Capital* cannot controvert this proposition.

TO THE VOTERS OF AMERICA.

Now that the conventions are over and the tickets are in the field, marshalling the forces must begin. The lines are drawn, and the most momentous political contest for a quarter of a century is upon us. The lovers of gold and the enemies of liberty, the monopoly fed and trust fattened, cormorants, the partisan, bigot and political leeches, are united against the people. Success at all hazards is their determination. There is no life too dear, no character too sacred, no ballot too pure to escape their selfish, avaricious assaults. Vilification, slander, libel, and personal violence if need be, will be resorted to. Organization, colonization, "blocks of five," tens and twenties, fraud, perjury and bribery will be their weapons in the present campaign. Home workmen are to be crowded out and back to make way for imported voters. Exorbitant freight rates are to be extorted from the farmers, merchants and consumers, to swell the campaign fund and despoil and corrupt the ballot box. Complete organization, liberal donations

and contributions, and perfect obedience to their plutocratic rustlers, is their hope of success. We must be awake to the necessity of work. To fail to realize our situation, and work to meet an unscrupulous and insidious foe is defeat to our principles and danger to our liberties. The need for close, conservative organization was never greater. Open political clubs are insufficient. We cannot afford to drift in fancied security when the political worms are destroying the bulwarks of American liberty. If we would throw off the corporation incubus we must think, act and vote, and see that our votes are counted. If we have a free ballot and fair count, we must organize and stand together like men and patriots. No organization for the education of the masses in the interests of justice and equality should be allowed to dissolve or lose its power. Each reform organization has a legitimate mission and field of labor.

The Farmers' Alliance, Knights of Labor and kindred organizations are non-partisan and educational in their character, and are composed of a membership limited to certain classes, and are therefore restricted in their work. But each has a noble and useful work to perform.

The National Citizens' Industrial Alliance is composed of a membership from all stations and callings in life who stand squarely upon the St. Louis platform, and while not a partisan organization, it is political, and will work for the party adopting its principles, and the People's party having done this, we take our stand and pledge our support to Weaver and Field, and the People's party tickets in every state in the Union. Our membership is composed of merchants, farmers, laborers and business or professional men of all callings, irrespective of whether they are members of other reform organizations not, and we meet upon a common level to devise the safest and best method to meet and resist our common enemy. While working in perfect harmony, we occupy a field unoccupied by any other reform organization. The National Citizens' Industrial Alliance is a national organization; its mission is a good one, its existence a necessity. The work of reform education in business circles, guarding and protecting the ballot against illegal voters, fraud and bribery, is essential, and must be done by reliable, conservative, organized effort. The plans for successful work cannot be laid in open view of the enemy. There is much to be done in an important contest like this that must be well and carefully planned.

Our organization is well adapted for that work—it is for that purpose. Political clubs and committees need all of the assistance they can get, and our purpose is to assist them with well matured and organized plans. Surely we must fight if we would win in this struggle, and to fight well the National Citizens' Industrial Alliance should be thoroughly organized in every city, town and hamlet in the land. Let every patriotic reformer join us, put his shoulder to the wheel and help us on to Washington. With united efforts, patriotism and the people will be victorious. NOAH ALLEN, National President.

With headquarters of the National Citizens' Industrial Alliance at the national capital, the facilities are unsurpassed for securing documents and the most effective literature for use in our lodges. Address the national secretary, Mrs. Annie L. Diggs, 803 A street, northeast, Washington, D. C.

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